

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1395 without my signature.

This bill places unnecessary obligations on state and local agencies in times of emergency and could hinder completion of important public safety projects. Specifically, this measure's notification and information exchange requirements would result in lead agencies having to enter into potentially lengthy discussions with Native American tribes during critical times before or after an emergency. While I agree with the measure's intent to enhance environmental protections for Native American sacred sites, such protections should not potentially endanger the health and safety of California citizens.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger